Amendments to the Claims

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising a) at least one comb-structure dispersing (co)polymer in the form of beads, and b) at least one of an organic filler and an inorganic filler.
- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Canceled)
- 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the combstructure polymer is a copolymer based on methacrylate of methoxy polyethylene glycol and/or polyethylene glycol mono allyl ether and acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid and/or maleic acid and/or their salts.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the combstructure polymer is in the form of beads having an apparent specific gravity higher than 0.5.
- 7. (Canceled)
- 8. (Canceled)
- 9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the comb-structure polymer comprises a main chain to which side chains that include hydrophilic and/or hydrophobic units of

ethylene oxide and/or propylene oxide and/or alkyl types side chains with lengths of 2 to 500 units are attached.

- 10. (Previously Presented) Concrete, mortar, slag, slurry, or gypsum comprising at least one composition according to claim 1.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 6 wherein the beads have an apparent specific gravity higher than 0.7.
- 12. (Previously Presented) A method of preparing a composition comprising combining a) at least one comb-structured bead-form polymer and b) a hydraulic binder.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 wherein the bead-form polymer is at least one of a plasticizer, superplasticizer, water reducer, and high-reduction water reducer agent.
- 14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 wherein the hydraulic binder comprises at least one of concrete, mortar, slag, slurry, gypsum.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A paint, coating composition, detergent, softening composition or cosmetic composition comprising at <u>last least</u> one composition according to claim 1.
- 16. (Previously Presented) A method of preparing a composition comprising at least one of paint, coating composition, detergent, softening composition and cosmetic composition, the method comprising combining a) at least one comb-structured bead-form polymer, and b) at least one of an organic filler and an inorganic filler.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the at least one comb-structured bead-form polymer is a dispersing agent.